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Capitalism means war and austerity, racism and repression, attacks on im/migrants, misogyny, LGBTQIA2S+ oppression and mistreatment of people with disabilities. It means joblessness, increasing homelessness and impoverishment and lack of hope for the future. No social problems can be solved under capitalism.

The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people's movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

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Nobel Committee awards peace prize to warmonger

The Norwegian Nobel Committee reached a new low on Oct. 10, selecting Venezuelan reactionary politician Maria Corina Machado for its Peace Prize. The choice insults all Venezuelans who defend their country's sovereignty. Worse, it actively promotes the MAGA regime's war provocations against Venezuela's people.

This editorial will outline Machado's political biography and list a few of her most egregious crimes.

Machado is an ultraright Venezuelan politician who comes from and represents the discredited Venezuelan oligarchy. She even counts nobility among her ancestors. She dedicated her peace prize to Donald Trump.

Machado is despised by the great majority of Venezuelans and flattered by the representatives of U.S. and European Union imperialist powers. She has promoted violent coups against Venezuela's elected governments and the imperialist theft of Venezuela's resources and wealth.

Since the 1998 election when Hugo Chávez first won the presidency, Machado has spoken for the most reactionary and violent wing of the opposition to Chávez's Bolivarian revolutionary process. She has publicly defended and privately plotted every criminal step U.S. and European imperialism have taken to rob from the Venezuelan people and make them suffer. These steps include:

April 2002. Machado supported the coup against Chávez. A section of the Venezuelan military working with reactionaries in the oligarchy that had the assistance of the George W. Bush regime in the U.S. took Chávez captive. Machado was one of 400 people who signed the Constitution of the Government of Democratic Transition and National Unity, better known as the "Carmona Decree," a maneuver in parliament aimed at overthrowing Chávez.

A popular uprising demanded Chávez be freed and a group of patriotic officers rescued him and reversed the coup. Coup plotters were purged from the military.

February 2014. Weeks after Chávez died in early 2013, Nicolás Maduro was elected as his successor. On Feb. 12, 2014, Machado joined the leader of Voluntad Popular, Leopoldo López, in a violent plan called La Salida. This group organized attacks that led to the murders of 43 citizens and members of the Chavista security forces throughout the country.

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Protest Sept. 6 demands U.S. military keep out of Venezuela. Central Park, New York City.

These attacks, called guarimbas, were defeated by Maduro's Bolivarian government and by popular mobilizations. That was despite President Barack Obama's labeling Venezuela as a national security threat to the United States in 2015. After the guarimbas offensives failed, the U.S. under the first Trump administration tried a new tactic.

January 2019. Trump backed Juan Guaidó, a minor Venezuelan politician, who appointed himself Venezuela's president early in 2019. Machado supported Guaidó. Throughout 2019 Venezuela's wealthiest and most reactionary forces attempted to hold rallies aimed at sparking a coup. Reactionary regimes in neighboring Colombia and Brazil backed the coup attempts. All of these failed.

During that year, Machado became an "ambassador" in Guaidó's fake regime and (1) pushed for unilaterally coercive measures (also called "sanctions") by the U.S. and (2) encouraged the theft of Venezuela's gold reserves and of Citgo, an oil company that had been owned by Venezuela. These cost the Venezuelan people hundreds of billions of dollars and cut short hundreds of thousands of lives.

Guaidó proved to be incompetent as a politician, unpopular and corrupt. In the end, his own party rejected his leadership.

Machado has also supported the current Israeli genocidal regime and promised to move Venezuela's Embassy to Jerusalem (Al-Quds) from Tel Aviv should her party be in power.

What makes this year's Nobel award an even greater crime is its timing: Using the "war on drugs" pretext, Trump has sent warships into the southern Caribbean and warplanes to U.S. bases in Puerto Rico. U.S. forces have gratuitously murdered Venezuelans and Colombians in boats. They threaten a direct assault on Venezuela. By awarding a "peace prize" to the reactionary, pro-imperialist, criminal Machado, the Nobel Committee has facilitated aggressive war.

Expose the complicity of the Nobel Committee in war crimes! Mobilize to stop U.S. attacks on Venezuela! ☐

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Palestinian Resistance scores historic victory

WW COMMENTARY

By Monica Moorehead

Workers World Party salutes the anti-imperialist tenacity, resolve and determination of the Palestinian Resistance, led by the Islamic Resistance Movement — Hamas that signed a ceasefire agreement with Israel on Oct. 9. How long it will last is anyone's guess, but for now, the fact that such a deal took place can only be described as unprecedented and awe-inspiring.

This signing is truly a groundbreaking, historic moment for the besieged Palestinian people within their more than 77-year struggle against violent displacement, occupation, massacres, mass incarceration, forced starvation at the hands of the fascist, settler-colonialist, Zionist regime of Israel. The Israeli apartheid state could not have lasted one single day if it wasn't for the billions of dollars it received, especially in military aid, from U.S. imperialism.

Palestinian resistance has existed even since before Israel was created by European colonial powers and sanctioned by the United Nations in 1948. But this resistance, as heroic as it was, was much maligned and demonized relentlessly, especially within the imperialist centers of the Global North.

One could be labeled a terrorist or antisemitic for daring to utter the word "Palestine," due to the united ruling elite's backing of Israel's efforts to ethnically cleanse Palestine's rich ancestral history and its people — while superexploiting the oil-rich region for superprofits.

A failure to achieve Zionist goals

But this scenario changed forever on Oct. 7, 2023, when the Al-Aqsa Flood, led by Hamas, destroyed the myth of Israel, the most militarized state in West Asia, being both invincible and untouchable. Without giving up one single weapon, Hamas was able to capture hundreds of Israeli hostages to trade for the release of thousands of Palestinian prisoners over the past two years.

Despite the horrific genocide, with tens of thousands of Gazans being martyred, assassinations of the Resistance leaders and the total devastation of Gaza's infrastructure, including homes, hospitals, schools and mosques, ultimately it was Hamas's deep ties to the people and self-sacrifice that forced Israel to the negotiating table last week. This is a development that Israel vowed would never happen.

What a humiliating defeat for Zionism, considering that this is a resistance with no tanks, fighter jets, precision bombs nor other sophisticated weaponry at its disposal. The Resistance relies on tunnels to conceal their hand-held weaponry and homemade bombs to repel their enemy amongst the ruins of Gaza.

Released Palestinian prisoners greeted by thousands in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip, Oct. 13, 2025.

The people of the world, including youth and workers, became so inspired by the Palestinians' unwavering will to resist by any means necessary that other forms of resistance — from student encampments to massive demonstrations around the world to shutting down ports transporting military equipment to Israel — are becoming more and more common. More than 1,000 activists have joined flotillas challenging Israel's blockade of Gaza.

"Free Palestine!" has become a clarion call in every corner of the globe, thanks in large part to the strong unity of all factions of the Palestinian Resistance. Never since World War II, with the exception of apartheid South Africa, has a country become the number one social pariah in the eyes of the world.

Imperialist allies were so terrified of Israel's growing economic and political isolation that President Donald Trump felt compelled to step in to broker a ceasefire deal with Hamas, overriding the wishes of war criminal Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. To be clear, Trump is no friend of the Palestinian people. In fact, speaking before the Knesset parliament in Tel Aviv on Oct. 13, Trump stated how proud he was that Israel used U.S. weaponry "well!"

Struggle far from over

For the Palestinian people, the first phase of the agreement — focused on the release of almost 2,000 Palestinian prisoners — is another important step forward in achieving their national liberation and their long overdue right to sovereignty. They are more aware than anyone that the Israeli regime has a sordid history of sabotaging any agreement. The Israelis, for instance, refused to release some Hamas leaders held in notorious Zionist prisons.

The Axis of Resistance — Iran, Yemen, Lebanon's Hezbollah and the Iraqi resistance — have pledged their ongoing solidarity with the Palestinian Resistance and people. The movements around the world, including in the Global North, must continue to be vigilant in maintaining and elevating their solidarity with the Palestinian Resistance, a beacon of hope and strength in weakening imperialism's stranglehold on the global working class and oppressed.

This worldwide solidarity will contribute to victory for Palestinian liberation and inspire millions more workers to throw off the shackles of class oppression. ☐

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Personas de todo el mundo protestan contra el ataque de Israel a la Flotilla Global Sumud. Más de 40 barcos intentaban llegar a Gaza para entregar ayuda material y romper el bloqueo. Según la página web de la flotilla, 161 de los tripulantes secuestrados habían sido liberados en la mañana del 6 de octubre, mientras que 301 seguían «cautivos» por Israel en condiciones que equivalían a tortura.

Todos los barcos habían sido apresados ilegalmente en aguas internacionales el 3 de octubre. Los tripulantes capturados denunciaron que les obligaron a beber agua del retrete, que pasaron días sin comer, que recibieron amenazas violentas y que les trataron «como a monos» (Aljazeera.com, 5 de octubre).

Manifestantes ocupan las vías del tren para protestar contra el ataque a la flotilla, Milán, Italia, 1 de octubre de 2025.

Sin embargo, si los sionistas pensaban que podían frenar el movimiento mundial de solidaridad con Palestina, han aprendido lo contrario. Se calcula que dos millones de trabajadores en Italia, en unas 100 ciudades, participaron en una huelga el 3 de octubre para protestar por el ataque a la flotilla. Los organizadores estiman que participaron 300 000 personas en Roma, 100 000 en Milán, 50 000 en Nápoles y cientos de miles más en toda Italia, bloqueando carreteras y paralizando el transporte.

Se produjeron protestas masivas en toda Europa: en Ámsterdam, Atenas, Barcelona, Berlín, Dublín, Ginebra, Londres, Madrid, París y muchas otras ciudades. Casi 1000 personas fueron detenidas voluntariamente en una manifestación en Gran Bretaña en apoyo a Palestine Action, que ha sido prohibida por el gobierno.

Se celebraron manifestaciones en Brasilia (Brasil); Buenos Aires; Estambul; Karachi y Peshawar (Pakistán); Calcuta (India); Ciudad de México; Túnez (Túnez), así como en múltiples ciudades de Estados Unidos.

Los organizadores de la flotilla dicen que sus planes son organizar otra flotilla, esta vez con 1000 barcos.

El ataque del régimen sionista a la flotilla fue ilegal. Israel ha sido acusado de genocidio en la Corte Internacional de Justicia y en la Corte Penal Internacional, y el 16 de septiembre una comisión de investigación de las Naciones Unidas dijo que Israel ha cometido genocidio. Pero el proceso legal no pondrá fin a la matanza masiva en Gaza, la lucha sí lo hará.

La resistencia palestina no ha dado señales de rendirse. Es la **firmeza** del pueblo —**sumud** en árabe— combinada con la solidaridad mundial lo que ha obligado a Israel a volver a la mesa de negociaciones con Hamás. Independientemente del resultado de esta ronda de conversaciones —y depende del pueblo palestino decidir qué está dispuesto a aceptar—, la lucha decidida en Palestina ha provocado un cambio cualitativo y permanente en la lucha de clases en todo el mundo. ❐

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